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For : LAYER 2/LAYER 3 INTERWORKING VIA PHYSICAL LOOPBACK

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98,

Applicant calls the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

U.S. Patent No. 5,999,518 to NATTKEMPER et al., which issued on December 7, 1999;

U.S. Patent No. 6,587,467 to MORGENSTERN et al., which issued on July 1, 2003;

U.S. Patent No. 5,923,643 to HIGGINS et al., which issued on July 13, 1999;

U.S. Patent No. 6,304,547 to TSURUTA et al., which issued on October 16, 2001;

U.S. Patent No. 6,480,888 to PEDERSEN, which issued on November 12, 2002;

U.S. Patent No. 6,614,792 to PAZY et al., which issued on September 2, 2002;

U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0032265 to TANAKA, which published on
October 18, 2001;

U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0043791 to KATO, which published on
March 6, 2003;

U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0031141 to MCWILLIAMS, which

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published on March 14, 2002;

U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0089985 to WAHL et al., which published on July 11, 2002;

MICROSOFT et al., "An Interoperable End-to-End Broadband Service Architecture over ADSL Systems," July 3, 1997, retrieved from the internet from www.studienseminare-duesseldorf.nrw.de/berufskollegs/nachricht/doku/dokupdf/digiuet/adsl/adsl.pdf on October 22, 2003;

NORTEL NETWORKS, "Passport Multiservice Switch Portfolio"; and

ALCATEL "Alcatel 7670 Routing Switch Platform (RSP)" brochure .

Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(iii), copies of the U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications are not enclosed. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the documents. Copies of the above-noted non-patent documents are attached, and all of the documents have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicant also bring to the Examiner's attention the following copending, commonly assigned patent applications:

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/628,254 to TROST et al., entitled "J2EE Enterprise

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Information System (EIS) Common Object Request Broker Architecture (CORBA) Connector,”
which was filed on July 29, 2003; and

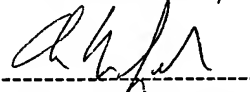
U.S. Patent Application No. 10/704,715 to LIU et al., entitled “Layer2/Layer 3
Interworking Via Internal Virtual UNI,” which was filed on November 12, 2003.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(iii), copies of the above-noted applications are
attached. However, the Examiner is also requested to review the file wrapper of these U.S.
patent applications at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the references of record, if any,
cited therein.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the
undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
Edward SIERECKI

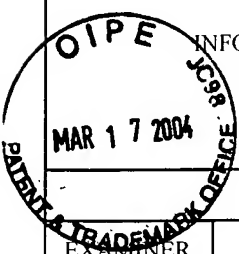
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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		5	9	9	9	5	1	8	12/07/99	NATTKEMPER et al			
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		6	4	8	0	8	8	8	11/12/02	PEDERSEN			
		6	6	1	4	7	9	2	09/02/03	PAZY et al			
2001	/	0	0	3	2	2	6	5	10/18/00	TANAKA			
2003	/	0	0	4	3	7	9	1	03/06/03	KATO			
2002	/	0	0	3	1	1	4	1	03/14/02	MCWILLIAMS			
2002	/	0	0	8	9	9	8	5	07/11/02	WAHL et al			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	1	MICROSOFT et al., "An Interoperable End-to-End Broadband Service Architecture over ADSL Systems," July 3, 1997.
	2	NORTEL NETWORKS, "Passport Multiservice Switch Portfolio".
	3	ALCATEL "Alcatel 7670 Routing Switch Platform (RSP)".

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